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## **USACRC welcomes Command Sgt. Maj. Glidewell**

U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center

FORT RUCKER, Ala. (May 31, 2007) – Army officials approved the conversion of a U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center senior leader position in recognition of the continual safety cultural transformation in our Army.

The conversion of the USACRC sergeant major slot to a command sergeant major billet shows the importance of leader involvement in loss prevention and the Army's commitment to safety transformation.

Transformation, said Brig. Gen. William H. Forrester, is a triad involving leaders, forces and institutions – all critical in achieving the Army Vision.

“Just as we must realign our forces to place key elements of combat power in the hands of Brigade Combat Team commanders,” the USACRC commanding general said, “so too, we must realign to further our conversion as an organization that produces actionable knowledge to warfighters.”

Known as the knowledge center for Army accidental loss, the USACRC “operationalizes” safety through the use of Composite Risk Management to more effectively preserve combat power. Engaged leaders influence this transformation the most, the general said.

“Transformation is far more than an equipment change,” Forrester said. “While the changes in our forces and institutions are significant in scope and breadth, they pale when compared to the positive impacts leaders can achieve.”

Leaders like Sgt. Maj. Dave Griffith, who worked tirelessly to help transform the Soldiers' mindset in terms of safety and the use of CRM during the initial stages of the transformation, Forrester explained.

“His untiring pursuit of what is best for the Army during this transformation has highlighted the value of his position,” the general said. “This change would not be possible without his great leadership.”

In recognition of this significant transformation, Command Sgt. Maj. Tod Glidewell will become the USACRC's first command sergeant major.

“It is my hope the position will allow the USACRC to grow beyond the staff perspective in the minds of our Army as warfighters; therefore, reemphasizing the Army's leadership message on the importance of safety and protecting the force,” said Glidewell.

Glidewell assumes responsibility this summer at a date to be announced.